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Wounded in the house of its friends. The following is what the Chicago Tribune has to say of the Republican platform. By the way the Tribune is the ablest Republican paper in the Northwest:

FREE WHISKY.

The Great Platform Blunder Made by the Republicans.

"Party platforms are usually prepared by a few members of a subcommittee and hurriedly considered in manuscript by the full committee and then passed over to a reader with a sonorous voice, to be presented to the convention. As soon as read a member jumps up and moves their adoption by a viva voce vote, and in a few minutes they are declared adopted.

From the time resolutions are first drawn until their adoption by the convention they are never seen in cold type, and the circumstances make it impossible for delegates to consider them with any critical care. Although the platform when read is imperfectly comprehended it is voted for en bloc, and adopted as a matter of course, and in the belief that the actual framers of the document performed their duties with fidelity and care. Thus a great convention and a national party may be made responsible for the blunder of a few narrow-minded or interested men. It is only such circumstances as these that can explain the great blunder in the platform adopted Thursday in the Chicago convention—a blunder so grave that if not promptly corrected it will prove a sore burden to the party from now until the day of election.

The Tribune does not propose at this time to enter into any discussion of the Republican tariff plank, but desires before it is too late to ask the attention of the delegates to the extraordinary demand for the repeal of the whisky tax. The platform first declares in favor of repealing the tax on alcohol used in the arts and for mechanical purposes—a policy which has always been met with the objection that it would be impossible of enforcement on account of frauds, and would amount virtually to free whisky. However that may be, the platform goes on to declare further:

If there should still remain a larger revenue than is requisite for the wants of the government we favor the entire repeal of internal taxes [whisky and tobacco] rather than the surrender of any part of our protective system at the joint behest of the whisky trusts and the agents of foreign manufacturers.

Four years ago the Republican party pledged itself to correct the inequalities of the tariff and reduce the surplus. Now it is made to demand the placing of whisky and tobacco on the free list in order to prevent any reduction of the surplus by correcting the inequalities of the tariff or by reducing the sugar tax. The Republican tariff platform of 1884 in substance declared:

The Democratic party has failed completely to relieve the people of the burden of unnecessary taxation by a wise reduction of the surplus. The Republican party pledges itself to correct the inequalities of the tariff and to reduce the surplus.

Is putting whisky on the free list an honest redemption of this pledge?

It is hard to believe that the convention intended to repudiate the pledge in the platform of 1884 and to substitute a demand for free whisky. It is still more difficult to believe that Republican voters favor such an extraordinary step, or will, under any circumstances, approve the policy of cheapening intoxicating drinks as a method of getting rid of the surplus when there are so many other and better ways. Can the party leaders venture to go before the people with such a platform and hope that the fearful blunder committed by the framers of the platform will be overlooked or excused? Certainly the Democrats will not ignore it. If the blunder in the platform is not corrected before adjournment every Democratic procession this fall will carry banners stigmatizing the Republican party as a free-whisky organization, committed to the doctrine of cheap rum and dear sugar.

There is no precedent for recalling and amending a platform after its adoption and promulgation, and it ought to be done in this instance. A precedent should be made. The committee on resolutions ought to report an amendment striking out the plank in favor of free whisky and declaring instead that the tax on liquor and tobacco shall be retained to meet the increasing expenditures for pensions and for the defrayment of service pensions. Correction can be made and adopted by the convention in a few minutes. If the frightful blunder into which the convention was misled is not corrected it will cost the Republican party tens and possibly hundreds of thousands of votes. The Tribune desires to go on record as insisting with the utmost emphasis that before final adjournment the convention shall recall and correct the blunder in question."

SPECULATION IN GRAIN.

Buying and Selling of Futures.

Hon. B. A. Enloe, of Tennessee, in an address delivered before the congressional committee on agriculture, presented in a clear and forcible manner this subject of vital interest, especially to farmers. A few of his points are here given:

"The buying and selling of 'futures' is a species of speculation which injures not only the unsuccessful trader, speculator, or gambler, as you may choose to call him, but when the products of the soil are the subject-matter of the transaction, it injures both the producer and the consumer, and it seriously interferes with the regular and legitimate exchange of these commodities through the established channels of commerce. Combinations representing millions of dollars of capital are formed. Some product of the soil, sometimes one and sometimes another, is accumulated in the hands of the combine, and soon after they begin operations they virtually fix the price at which the producer must sell by bringing their own purchases in competition with his product when he enters the market, and depressing prices until he is forced to sell. They come between the producer and the consumer, and by shrewd manipulation they fix the prices for both. With the combined power of combined capital they dictate to the producers in detail the market prices of their products, and then in turn they dictate to the consumers the price which they shall pay for the product by virtue of the same power. They break the market by flooding it when the producers would sell, and they force it up by withholding their accumulations from the market after the producers have parted with the great bulk of their crops. These are the actual transactions where delivery is actually made, but the actual transactions constitute only a small part of the business of one of these combinations. The fictitious trades afford the richest part of the harvest, and they represent every year many times the aggregate of any and of all of the products that are made the subject of speculation.

These fictitious trades frequently result in the locking up of the great bulk of the crop of the particular kind embraced in the speculation, which is thus withheld from the commerce of the country at the will of a combination of speculators, interrupting for an indefinite period the free and natural interchange of commodities among the states and with foreign nations.

"If the congress should intervene and prohibit the making of these gambling contracts, and provide adequate punishment for every violation of the law, the inducement to make these combinations and corners would not exist, and commerce would not only be relieved of this obstruction, but the agricultural industry would be protected against one of the greatest evils that at present afflict us.

"The agricultural industries of the country are confronted by great combinations of corporate and individual interests under the indefinite and irresponsible name of 'trusts,' which have for their objects the limitation of all other production. The effect of this is to enhance the cost of everything the farmer has to buy. On the other hand, this industry is assailed by combinations of capital organized to come between the producer and the consumer and fix the prices for both, so as to levy tribute upon both the producer and the consumer.

"I hope that the power to crush out and destroy these robber trusts and these robber 'combinations' will be found under the clause of the constitution I have quoted, and if it does not exist I would amend the constitution so as to give congress the necessary power.

The great mistake men make is this: They strive to increase their earnings, but they do not try to increase their earning capacity. They complain of the selfishness of employers when if they were wise they would see that in this selfishness lies their greatest opportunity. The selfish employer is always on the lookout for the man who will serve him best and bring the most money into his treasury. He lies awake at night wondering where he can secure such a man. He is willing to reward capacity and fidelity liberally, not because he is generous but because it is to his interest to secure better service and better returns. Many of our young men have been quick to understand the situation, and they have risen in the world.—Atlanta Constitution.

It makes us tired to hear some of these whisky bloats, who vote the Democratic ticket for no other reason than because it is in power, talk about questioning this and that man's Democracy because he is an avowed temperance man. Whisky advocates will tell you to be more liberal with your views, and as soon as you see fit to disagree with them you are a temperance fanatic and undemocratic. The fact is, whisky men have only one object in view and that is to get control of the office and run things to suit themselves. The longer we live the more we are convinced that they care nothing for party or principles.—Monroe City News.

Local option was defeated in Mexico by 269 votes, and carried in Independence by 200 votes last week.

Republican Outrages.

Trenton (Mo.) Times.

At a Democratic ratification meeting at Centerville, Iowa, last Saturday night, the street parade, which was not only composed of men, but women and children, was assaulted by a mob and beaten with rotten eggs, potatoes, rocks, and anything that could be thrown. Every banner was pierced with stones, some of them having been hit two or three times. One man who was carrying a banner was hit upon the head with a rock and knocked clear off his feet. A Republican seized the banner he was carrying and carried it to the end of the procession and is now a convert to Democracy and a supporter of Cleveland and Thurman. A little child of Clarence Lewis, a former citizen of this place, was hit in the face by a Republican rotten egg. This devilment was not only continued during the parade, but a howling mob surrounded the place of speaking and kept up a perfect pandemonium, howling for Blaine and in every conceivable way disturbing the meeting. When the delegation from Moulton started late at night on their return home, they barely escaped death from an open switch, which is thought to have been, and doubtless was, the work of the same villains and assassins who perpetrated all of the other devilment. All of these burning outrages were perpetrated in God and morality and prohibition Iowa, and by the party who never cease howling about a "free ballot and a fair count," and there was not an officer to check the devilish rioting. Great God! to what base uses have they come? Only a few days since a negro in an Illinois town was shot down like a dog because he claimed to be a Democrat, and a scheme was unceremoniously to assassinate all who should profess Democracy. Is it possible that the Republican party, realizing its defeat in the coming campaign, proposes to inaugurate a coup d'etat and attempt to sweep everything before it by violence? This early commencement of such proceedings would seem to indicate it, and not only Democrats, but all good citizens and liberty loving people should use their every effort to crush such a party out of existence. Let those who have charged the Democrats of the South with the "shot-gun policy and bull-dozing" turn to these unequalled outrages so near their own doors and view them with burning shame.

Living With a Bullet in His Brain.

DEARBORN, IOWA, June 28.—One of the most remarkable cases ever known in this city or elsewhere is now engaging the attention of Dubuque surgeons. Last Tuesday noon Geo. Lucas, a resident of Dubuque, shot himself with a revolver. The bullet entered his forehead, just above the nose, and penetrated the brain to a depth beyond the reach of the probe. He became unconscious, and it was supposed he would die right away. Strange to say, he is still alive and shows constant improvement. He has little fever and is conscious most of the time. He sits up in bed, takes nourishment and converses rationally with those in attendance. The ball is undoubtedly lodged in his brain, and is thought to be just back of the left ear. The physician attending him is an old army surgeon, and he says that this is one of the most remarkable cases he ever encountered. The condition of Lucas is constantly improving, and the doctor thinks there is a good possibility of recovery.

The Fayette papers tell of the golden wedding in that city last week of Hon. A. J. Herndon, born in Orange county, Va., July 23, 1817, and who married Miss Emily Brown, of Howard, June 21, 1838. Mrs. Herndon is niece of Gen. John B. Clark, sr. Her father, Major Brown, was one of the pioneer settlers of Howard county. Mr. H. is a lawyer of considerable ability and one of the most highly esteemed citizens of Howard county. He was clerk of the county court from 1846 to 1874, 28 years. Eight of the eleven children raised to manhood and womanhood were present, also nineteen grandchildren. Hon. R. C. Clark made the presentation speech on behalf of a number of friends whose joint contributions procured a gold headed cane as a testimonial of their high regard for Mr. Herndon. Hon. Thos. Shackelford made a nice speech in the presentation of a gold handle silk umbrella, contributed by other friends. There were many other presents, some of which were costly. Among them was an elegant gold mounted phaeton and gold tipped harness, a present from his children and grandchildren. Mr. Herndon, though usually a few talker, was to full of feeling for utterance on this occasion, though his expression of appreciation of the friendship of his neighbors and recital of the manner of spending his time and observance of the Sabbath among them for 50 years were very interesting. Mrs. Mary, wife of Dr. F. B. Thilpott, of Salisbury, is the only one of the children living in this county.

The sectional issue is dead and buried beyond resurrection, and so far as now appears there is every reason to hope that the personal issue will be eliminated from the campaign. So far, at least, the people of the United States are to be congratulated upon the opening of the presidential contest of 1888.—Providence Journal.

JOHN MORRISON, esq., of Howard county, is in the city to-day doing a little bushwhacking for Mayor Francis. He will find in his rounds that there are a goodly number of Morehouse men here who cannot be influenced or changed.—Richmond Conservator.

Mr. Morrison is a good elector near when he and his co-workers can manipulate things as they did in Howard county, when the county committee came to their assistance in calling a mass convention to elect delegates to the state convention nearly four months in advance of the time set by the state convention. With such methods it was an easy matter to get delegates instructed for their favorites. When the people became aroused as they were in Montgomery and Audrain counties different results were obtained. One "boomer," at least, from another county came to grief while running Francis methods in Audrain county. We say served him right.

The first essentials of social justice are to secure to all men the opportunities to employ their own powers for the satisfaction of their own wants upon the elements which nature has provided for that purpose, and to secure to each the full and exclusive enjoyment of all that this labor thus produces. Justice gives no man a right to demand that others shall supply him with work, or that others shall relieve his poverty. But it does give all men a right to demand that they shall be permitted to find work for themselves, and that they shall be secured in the possession of all that that work produces.—New York Standard.

The Democratic senatorial convention of the 13th senatorial district, composed of the counties of Monroe, Ralls and Shelby, met at Monroe City last week and by acclamation nominated Hon. John C. Piersol for state senator to succeed Hon. J. P. Wood, the reputed author of the Wood local option law. The selection of Piersol is a good one. Besides being a clever gentleman and sterling Democrat he is a man of considerable ability and will reflect honor upon his constituents.

READ the letters from Nodaway county, the home of Governor A. P. Morehouse, and then decide honestly in your own minds whether you think he is the man one John McClain, of Platte county, would have you believe he is. They often make wild and sweeping assertions which can never be substantiated by the facts, and men who have thinkers should make allowance for what they say.—Richmond Conservator.

"Colman's Rural World" says: "Chemical analysis shows that good wheat straw possesses fully one-half as much nutrition as does good timothy hay." This is an argument in favor of using the straw during the threshing season for winter feeding.

A LAD, 15 years old, died in Newburgh, N. Y., from the effects of a dabouch of which he had been for several days.

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